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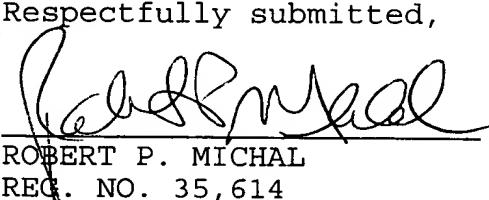
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Attached hereto is a copy of Fig. 14 which has been marked in red to show the amendment being proposed thereto. Specifically, the amendment to Figs. 14 is made in response to the Examiner's objection set forth in Paragraph 3 on page 2 of the Office Action.

Upon approval of the drawing amendment, a new formal drawing for Fig. 14 will be provided.

Respectfully submitted,


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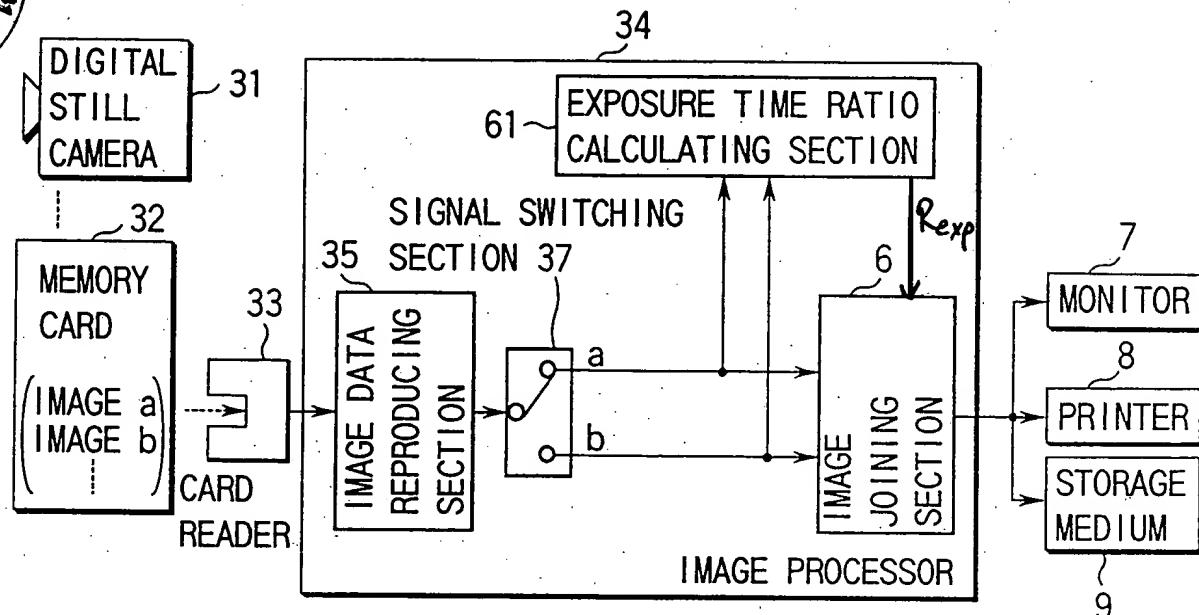
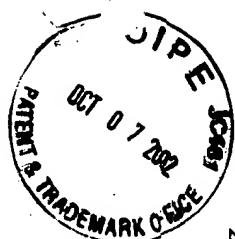


FIG. 14

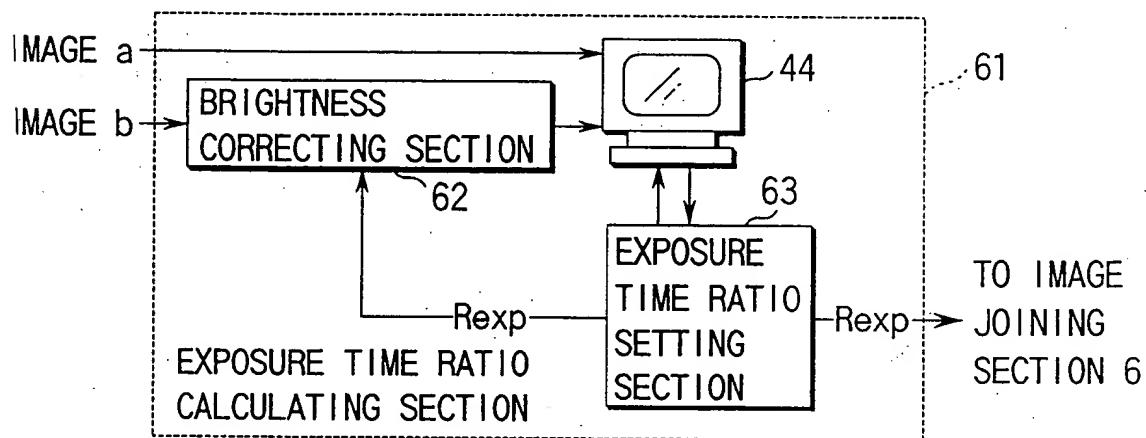


FIG. 15

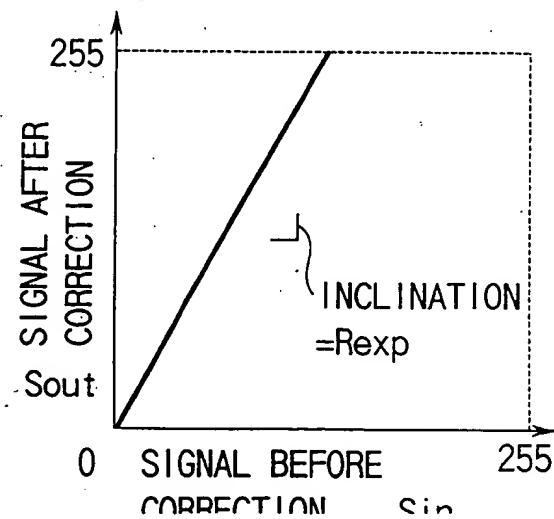


FIG. 16